SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 677 By Graves

A RESOLUTION to recognize Kenneth D. Hayes II, 2000 Salutatorian of Beech High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those persons who through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth D. Hayes II is one such exceptional student who recently was named salutatorian of the 2000 graduating class at Beech High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and unyielding commitment of time and talent, Kenneth has achieved outstanding academic success, and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students of Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in his remarkable high school career, Kenneth has earned an exemplary grade point average while still being active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, the Future Business Leaders of America, the Honor Society, the Foreign Language Club, the Junior Civitan, Serteen, and the Beta Club, where he served as vice president and president during his junior and senior years, respectively and

WHEREAS, an avid soccer player, Kenneth Hayes II demonstrated his athleticism by playing Junior Varsity Soccer for two years, was a four-year Varsity Soccer and Indoor Soccer player, and played on the Select Soccer team during his junior and senior years; he earned his Varsity Letter in soccer and during his senior year honed his leadership skills as the varsity team captain; and

WHEREAS, his academic and athletic abilities have been recognized as Kenneth has been honored with the Academic Letter Award of Merit, the Student-Athlete Award of Merit, the National Science Merit Award; he was chosen as a delegate to the FBLA State Conference, the Tennessee Business Week, and the National Young Leaders Conference in Washington, DC where he was selected to represent Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, he is a distinguished member of the Unites States Achievement Academy and *Who's Who Among American High School Students*; Kenneth also had the honor of being the October 1999 Rotary Club Student of the Month and the December 1999 Exchange Club Student of the Month; and

WHEREAS, this Honors Chemistry and Keyboarding "Top Scholar" has served as an American Tuxedo Ambassador and has demonstrated his musical abilities in the 1998 Christmas Musical; he has given of his time to his church's Youth Council, participated in various food drives and angel gift trees at Christmastime, mentored gifted children, tutored elementary children, and performed maintenance in his local park; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for his future success; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth's noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for his parents, Ken and Ginny Hayes, his school, and his community; and

WHEREAS, Kenneth's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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CONCURRING, That we hereby commend and honor 2000 Beech High School Salutatorian, Kenneth D. Hayes II, on his impressive academic achievement, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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